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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305) Food and Drug Administration 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket # 98N-1038 "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food"

Dear Food and Drug Administration:

This correspondence respectfully requests that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) cease and desist from its proposal to delete the labeling requirement for irradiated foods.

The FDA must not eliminate the labeling requirement for food, which has been irradiated. The FDA should not directly do an injustice to the American people's constitutional rights. The American public deserves *their* right ----- to choose whether or not to feed their families food that has been treated by the process of irradiation.

It is critical that the FDA reviews this demented plan and withdraws this proposal.

## The American public is entitled to their freedom of choice!

As a parent, I want to know that a food has been irradiated. I demand that the FDA adhere to its mandate to service the American public. Prominent labeling for irradiated food **is** the ethical objective for the FDA to implement.

The wording on the statement regarding irradiated foods should be extremely clear. Also, labeling requirements should not expire at any future date.

Thank you for your valuable time on this *most* important issue!

Sincerely.

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